(b) whether it is also a fact that after the issue of these currency notes, the Reserve Bank of India found a number of spelling mistakes in the notes;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps are being taken to rectify the mistakes and what action has been taken against the persons responsible for this lapse ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Decline in Deposits in the Punjab National Bank Branches in Delhi

1067. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that deposits in various branches of the Punjab National Bank in Delhi have shown a declining trend during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the decline in deposits; and

(c) what are the details of the deposits made with the various branches of the Punjab National Bank in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aggregate deposits of the Delhi Branches of the Punjab National Bank as on the last Friday of December, 1984, 1985 and 1986 are given below :—

(Amount in Rs. crores)

Year	Deposits
December 1984	684·8
December 1985	819·0
December 1986	1012·7

पंजाब और सिंध बैंक में पकड़े गए जालसाजी के मामले

1068. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पंजाब और सिंध बैंक में 90 करोड़ रूपए की जालसाजी का कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में लाया गया है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इस मामले में सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पूजारी) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में, पंजाब एण्ड सिंध बैंक में 90 करोड़ रुपए की धोखाधड़ी का कोई मामला सरकार के ध्यान में नहीं आया है। अलबत्ता, एक ऐसे अनियमित (इर्रेग्यूलर) खाते की सूचना मिली है जिसकी अतिदेय (ओवरड्यू) राशि बहुत बड़ी है। इस खाते के संबंध में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक और संबंधित बैंक द्वारा अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई की गई है। राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों को नियंत्रित करने वाले कानूनों के उपबन्धों और बैंकरों में प्रचलित प्रथाओं और रीति-रिवाजों के अनुसरण में, बैंकों के अलग-अलग ग्राहकों के कार्यों से संबंधित और सूचना प्रकट नहीं की जा सकती।

Arrests in Gujarat under Anti-Terrorist Act

1069. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some leaders of political parties, Trade Unions and students and religious organisations have been arrested under the Anti-Terrorist Act, by the Gujarat Government;

(b) if so, what are the names of persons so arrested giving the dates of their arrest and the nature of complaints against each one of them;

(c) whether the Central Government have received representations and protests against their arrests as "Terrorists"; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) As reported by Government of Gujarat arrests have been made under the Act in Connection with violent agitations and communal situations.

(b) As Law and Order is State subject, such information is not maintained by this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The matter has been taken up with the Government of Gujarat to ensure that there is no misuse or abuse of the provisions of the TADA Act.

Bank Loans to Persons/States affected by Droughts/Floods

1070. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL :

SHRI J. P. GOYAL :

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any instructions have been issued by the Central Government to the nationalised banks all over the country to extend loans to the People and also to extend financial help to the States who/which have been affected by the recent droughts and floods;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the drought and flood affected States have been benefitd as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has issued detailed guidelines to commercial banks for providing credit facilities to persons affected by droughts/floods throughout the country for raising alternative crops, fodders, etc., conversion of short-term loans into medium term loans, assistance for production of seeds, re-schedulement of investment credit where failure of crop warrents, expeditious sanction of loans for minor irrigation purposes, consumption loans to small and marginal farmers and other weaker sections upto Rs. 500/- and for setting up of fair price shops.

In areas affected by droughts/floods successively for three years or more, banks have been advised to defer recovery of the amounts fallen due for a period of two years or till the next normal year if it occurs earlier. Banks have also been instructed not to charge penal interest in these cases nor should they compound interest on dues postponed. In the case of short-term loans, the total interest payable by small and marginal farmers should not exceed the principal amount. Banks are to charge a rate of interest of 10% per annum on short term loans upto Rs. 5,000/- in the case of farmers who have suffered three or more consecutive droughts/floods and where loans have been converted/re-scheduled.

The information so far received for the country as a whole indicates that financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 206.77 crores has been provided to 2,99,094 beneficiaries. In addition conversion of short-term loans to medium term loans and re-schedulement of loans has been extended in 1,77,845 accounts involving an amount of Rs. 102.21 crores.

Help provided to the Handloom Weavers in drought affected areas

1071. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have urged the State Governments to initiate steps to help handloom weavers in the drought affected areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;